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#### Annamarie Trombetta

From: Annamarie Trombetta (trombettaart@yahoo.com)

To: will@worthpoint.com

Date: Monday, March 7, 2016, 07:26 AM EST

Plaintiff 000035

Plaintiff 000035

#### Mr. Seippel,

The e-mail below has no greeting or salutation. Mr. Seippel did you send this to me? Secondly if you wrote me a response on the 20th of February it should be in your sent folder. I am requesting that you Re-Send the e-mail from February 20th.

Third---Can you send me the images of the said Item that you have in your possession --We are only in receipt of images of an item

Fourth---you posted a price but you do not know who sold it and who bought it---Is that correct??

Fifth---How did you obtain this information?? Who is the source??

Kindly respond to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Will Seippel <will.seippel@worthpoint.com>

To 'Annamarie Trombetta'

Mar 1 at 7:47 PM

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Plaintiff 000037

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To: AnnamarieTrombetta@

Date: Monday, March 7, 2016, 10:27 AM EST

This string includes my letter to you of the 20th.



#### Forwarded conversation

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Plaintiff 000038 Yahoo Mail - Fwd: FW: Artist Annamarie Trombetta----Fraudulent Artwork--and links to Fraudulent Artwork

When I spoke to Mr. Watkins on the phone on February 2, 2016 I asked Mr. Watkins the following questions and asked him to forward me the information which he has not done. I have contacted you in order to have these questions answered please:

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- 7) I did sign up for the Free Trial in order to obtain the information below. If there is a purchase price of \$181. 50 duly documented and listed there was a financial transaction and there should be a receipt of payment for this item. May I have this information as well?

Kindly forward any information that you have regarding this painting.

Attached is a printout from February 2016 which lists items and links that are on Worthpoint.com These items are listed with my unrelated personal and professional links. I have no association to the Worthpoint.com company---data base nor the artwork that is associated with these link. Please review. I am requesting that you kindly remove your links since they have no relation to my personal and professional credentials.

#### Sincerely,

Annamarie Trombetta

1972 ORIGINAL OIL PAINTING MAN WITH RED UMBRELLA SIGNED ANNAMARIE TROMBETTA YQZ

- · SOLD FOR:
- \$181.50
- ITEM CATEGORY:
- · SOURCE:
- · eBay
- SOLD DATE:
- Dec 01,2012
- · CHANNEL:
- Online Auction

Plaintiff 000039

Yahoo Mail - Fwd: FW: Artist Annamarie Trombetta --- Fraudulent Artwork -- and links to Fraudulent Artwork

This is by Annamarie Trombette. It is signed on the bottom, but on the back it has written in red on the stretcher, Annamarie Trombetta "Gifted" 1977, "Painted" 1972. To our eyes it looks like it is after the style of Andre Kohn. It is quite large being approx. 48 1/2" tall and 17 1/2" wide. We are calling it shabby chic condition as it has a tear in the canvas, about 5/8" long just to the left of the man's knees, but still such a great painting. For those not familiar with Trombetta, here is information about her from off AskArt as they got it from her website: Annamarie Trombetta (1963 - ) Lived/Active: New York The nature of an artist's life, creativity and growth may be synonymously expressed in the image of an archetypal tree. Beginning with the earthly descendent roots the artist like the tree branches out into its surrounding environmental and celestial world. Both ascend and descend, widening their girth of consciousness while producing visual imagery, weathering each season of change. Thus, I believe it is the nature of the artist and of nature itself to regenerate and manifest. All of the imagery in this catalog was either created en plein air or from the subject directly. My journey to becoming an artist began many years ago. The consanguineous roots of my Italian family tree provided me with an innate constitution for my artistic profession. When I was a tiny seed of contemplative thought, my artistic nature began to sprout interest while gazing up at the ceiling paintings in a neighborhood church named Regina Pacis, meaning Queen of Peace. The church located in Brooklyn, NY features ceiling paintings, sculptures, marble interiors, and incorporates architectural elements for the facade and the belfry that are of Italianate design. Before the age of three I was able to surmise that the church in the ceiling painting was indeed the church I was in. The visual stimulation was a form of education. It fostered my sense of perception which became my strongest mode for acquiring knowledge. As the years unfurled, my family moved to Staten Island. At this time it was a scenic field of luminosity, lush vegetation and a harbor view complete with sail boats and small yachts. A few years after we moved my tree of life was in jeopardy of loosing a limb. What appeared to be a swollen leg was indeed a cancerous tumor. It was an almost fatal or perhaps even a fated occurrence in my life. The struggle to survive the experience was lightened by my imagination and by my artistic ability to create. I seriously thought I would go into medicine but the posters and paintings in the hospital and doctor's office held my attention more intensely. I began my formal training at The Brooklyn Museum School of Art while I was in high school. The exposure to various forms of art inspired me to expand my horizons and in the early Eighties I traveled on a summer tour to Europe. The tour comprised of six countries; Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland and England. Viewing so many different cities and cultures in a concentrated period of time...

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Date: Sat, Feb 20, 2016 at 10:35 AM

To: Annamarie Trombetta < trombettaart@yahoo.com >, will@worthpoint.com, Jason Packer

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We unfortunately do not take the data from eBay you are asking for. We only obtain selling price, pictures and the description. We do not obtain sellers, buyers and all such information you are asking for. I am sorry we do not do that but we never had and it is more information than we are allowed to collect. I do not think that data actually exists anywhere at this point as we are the only persons that have saved this to my knowledge. Since you are the artists, and I have no reason to doubt that, and you feel this is fraudulent, we will remove the item from the site so that it does not mislead anyone on your paintings.

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Ticket #57565: Artist Annamarie Trombetta----Fraudulent

Plaintiff 000041

#### Artwork--and links to Fraudulent Artwork

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Thank you for submitting your request. We have received your request and are working on responding to you as soon as possible. If you have any additional information to add to this case, please reply to this email.

Thanks in advance for your patience and support.

This message was sent to trombettaart@yahoo.com in reference to Case #57565.

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That item:

http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/1972-original-oil-painting-man-red-48924172 was already removed on Feb 4th.

Searching google still finds the item title in on a different item (<a href="http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/thomas-kinkade-kincaid-everett-48924157">http://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/thomas-kinkade-kincaid-everett-48924157</a>) under the "More Items From eBay", but that is no longer on the site, it's just cached by Google still.

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Plaintiff 000046

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Kindly forward any information that you have regarding this painting. The information we had would have been on the site when you looked at it. It would have the price, the auction house sold at, the date, description and images. It is all we had. You saw it. I can not see it any longer to offer any comments as it was deleted at your request.

Attached is a printout from February 2016 which lists items and links that are on Worthpoint.com These items are listed with my unrelated personal and professional links. I have no association to the Worthpoint.com company---data base nor the artwork that is associated with these link. Please review. I am requesting that you kindly remove your links since they have no relation to my personal and professional credentials.

The Item was removed at your request. I would suggest going into our search browser on our site to assure yourself this has been removed or you see any other items you think are yours and are not correctly represented. I did a search myself and found 3 Trombetta paintings and none of them were yours. They were all done by men.

Sincerely,

Annamarie Trombetta

1972 ORIGINAL OIL PAINTING MAN WITH RED UMBRELLA SIGNED ANNAMARIE TROMBETTA YQZ

- SOLD FOR:
- \$181.50
- ITEM CATEGORY:
- .
- · SOURCE:
- eBay
- SOLD DATE:
- Dec 01.2012
- CHANNEL:
- Online Auction

This is by Annamarie Trombette. It is signed on the bottom, but on the back it has written in red on the stretcher, Annamarie Trombetta "Gifted" 1977, "Painted" 1972. To our eyes it looks like it is after the style of Andre Kohn. It is quite large being approx. 48 1/2" tall and 17 1/2" wide. We are calling it shabby chic condition as it has a tear in the canvas, about 5/8" long just to the left of the man's knees, but still such a great painting. For those not familiar with Trombetta, here is information about her from off AskArt as they got it from her website: Annamarie Trombetta (1963 - ) Lived/Active: New York The nature of an artist's life, creativity and growth may be synonymously expressed in the image of an archetypal tree. Beginning with the earthly descendent roots the artist like the tree branches out into its surrounding environmental and celestial world. Both ascend and descend, widening their girth of consciousness while producing visual imagery, weathering each season of change. Thus, I believe it is the nature of the artist and of

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From: Annamarie Trombetta (trombettaart@yahoo.com)

To: will@worthpoint.com

Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 11:28 AM EST

Mr. Sieppel,

Please allow me to Re-introduce myself. My name is Annamarie Trombetta. I am an artist. Last year I found a MISATTRIBUTION of a painting that I did NOT create on your website-Worthpoint.com which came up on the internet under my name. Specific personal content from my professional biography on my personal artist website was copied, transplanted and posted on your site. A picture of a painted signature on canvas signed A. Trombetta that was NOT MY signature was also photo featured on the Worthpoint.com website listing.

On February 20, 2016 I contacted you via e-mail. Prior to contacting you I had spoken several times with your employer Anita and eventually I was on the phone at length with your webmaster Mr. Gregory Watkins regarding the FRAUDULENT posting of a painting that I did not create. I requested that this Fraudulent listing be permanently removed. I also sent a notice to the company website. SEE BELOW

# Ticket #57565: Artist Annamarie Trombetta----Fraudulent Artwork--and links to Fraudulent Artwork

WorthPoint | Feb 20, 2016 10:24AM EST

Thank you for submitting your request. We have received your request and are working on responding to you as soon as possible. If you have any additional information to add to this case, please reply to this email.

Thanks in advance for your patience and support.

This message was sent to trombettaart@yahoo.com in reference to Case #57565.

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A year ago I took time, energy and effort to contact you and your company regarding the false attribution and requested that it should be removed. I have NEVER HAD ANY ASSOCIATION with WORTHPOINT.com---NOR have I ever had any business with Worthpoint.com and yet in a Google search for Annamarie Trombetta Artist your company is listed under my name. This listing is not authentic and has NO RIGHT TO BE LISTED UNDER MY NAME. The Listing from Worthpoint.com is taking up space that should be for my other TRUE credentials --- and should not BE OCCUPIED by your company.

#### Plaintiff 000051

Tam requesting that you remove this IMMEDIATELY from the internet -- kindly contact Google and responsibly deal with this issue to bring about a PERMANENT ENDING. I do NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED with your company---in ANY WAY. The numerous times that I have had to contact you regarding this issue is an outrage and a waste of my personal time. This is costing me time, effort and energy needlessly and for NO LOGICAL REASON as AGAIN I have contacted your company numerous times.

I am requesting a written response to this e-mail as soon as possible as a confirmation for receipt of this e-mail. Further, I am requesting that you and your company PERMANENTLY remove the association --or connection that Google or the algorithms on any other internet site thereof have between your company ---Worthpoint.com---- and my name Annamarie Trombetta.

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4 messages

Will Seippel <will.seippel@worthpoint.com>
To: Jason Packer <jason.packer@worthpoint.com>
Cc: Antoine Lyseight <antoine.lyseight@worthpoint.com>

Wed, Jan 4, 2017 at 11:48 AM

Hi Jason, is there anyway you can stop Google from indexing this to our site? There us nothing on our site from her, just this link that Google keeps recognizing.

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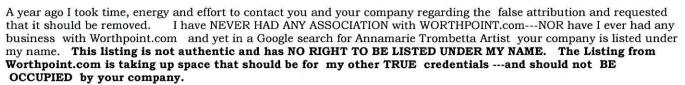
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Sure thing, removed.

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Hello Estate Auctions, Inc.,
You sent a payment of \$19.99 USD to WorthPoint Corporation (support@worthpoint.com)
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Questions? Go to the Help Center at www.paypal.com/help.
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Plaintiff's Evidence 000604

RESPONSE: WorthPoint objects to this request on the grounds that it is more appropriately directed to Norb Novocin. WorthPoint further objects to the extent that this request seeks proprietary business information and information as to WorthPoint's members.

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Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, WorthPoint confirms that Norb Novocin is a paid subscriber to worthpoint.com from May 15, 2014 to present.

Plaintiff's Interrogatory No. 3

State in writing the dates of employment (the months and years) when Gregory Watkins was employed at WorthPoint Corporation. If you claim that part of any response is privileged or otherwise immune from discovery; (a) identify the grounds for your claim of privilege or immunity (b) identify the privileged documents or Photographs (c) provide all information which responds to this request and does not fall within your claim of privilege or other immunity.

RESPONSE: September 2008 through April 2016.

Plaintiff's Interrogatory No. 4

State in writing the <u>last</u> day of employment (the months and years) when Gregory Watkins was no longer employed at WorthPoint Corporation. If you claim that part of any response is privileged or otherwise immune from discovery; (a) identify the grounds for your claim of privilege or immunity (b) identify the privileged documents or Photographs (c) provide all information which responds to this request and does not fall within your claim of privilege or other immunity.

RESPONSE: WorthPoint objects to this request on the grounds that it is duplicative insofar as Interrogatory No. 3 requests the last date of employment as well. Mr. Watkins was no longer employed by WorthPoint after April 2016; the exact date is not available. Mr. Watkins performed services for WorthPoint in an independent contractor capacity until September 2016.

Plaintiff's Interrogatory No. 5

State in writing the dates of employment (the month and years) when Anita Brooks was employed at WorthPoint Corporation. If you claim that part of any response is privileged or otherwise immune from discovery; (a) identify the grounds for your claim of privilege or immunity (b) identify the privilegeddocuments or Photographs (c) provide all information

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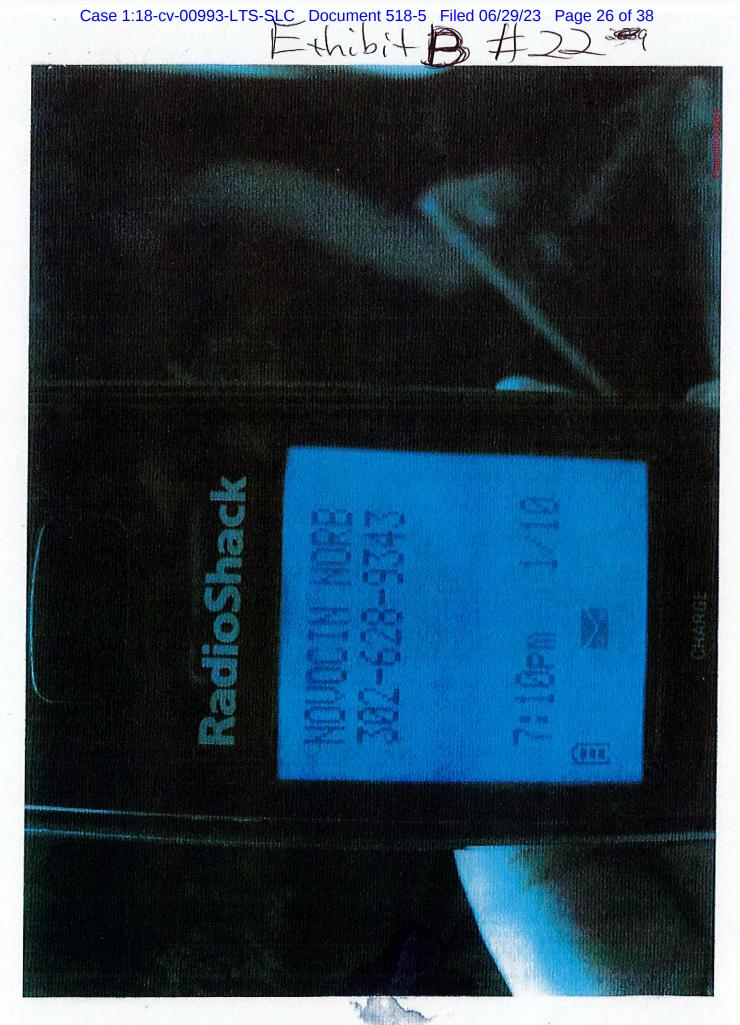
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EBay Customer Service please. Stay on the line.

00;14;41;13 - 00;14;41;26 Annamarie Trombetta I will.

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EBay Customer Service

I will Be placing you on hold.

00;14;43;19 - 00;14;45;01 Annamarie Trombetta Thank you. Thank you.

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EBay Customer Service

Thanks so much for staying on line here Anna

00;14;48;08 - 00;14;49;15 Annamarie Trombetta Yes. And your name?

EBay Customer Service Yeah, my name is Jamie,

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Annamarie Trombetta

Jamie. Jamie, what do you mean by it was a third party seller.

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Jamie EBay Customer Service

Um, it's like they're using a third party application.

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#### Archer

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#### Annamarie Trombetta

Well, let me ask you this. Can can an unknown party put anything on the Internet.

00;40;52;01 - 00;40;56;04 Archer that's possible.

00;40;56;17 - 00;41;20;04 Annamarie Trombetta That's possible.

#### Archer

Yeah, it's coding.

#### Annamarie Trombetta

Coding. Well, how would you know whether it was coded because that would solve the riddle that an unknown party put this on the Internet. Would that be in the URL of worth point

00;41;23;12 - 00;41;27;09

#### Archer

I really can't understand this information. That said, assist you further. Like getting those information We need to find out for their seller is, but I don't have much information to link it to our database.

00;41;36;28 - 00;41;57;28

#### Annamarie Trombetta

OK, so is there anybody or any department, maybe a legal department that I can contact to find out how I can either determine who the seller is or possibly to get this link with eBay off the Internet.

00;42;01;01 - 00;42;06;26

#### Archer

And if they help you further, I can't pull up any correct information associated with the sale now because it's UNDEFINED Nothing is showing up here ...Ah ..just the source.. that it's sold on eBay.

00;42;16;08 - 00;42;33;13

#### Annamarie Trombetta

OK, if its undefined, but what's not undefined is the association of my name with your company with WorthPoint and with this piece of artwork and with the signature, it is my name that is being used.

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Archer

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- A. Trombetta
- A. All the imagery in this catalog.
- Q. Do you see the TBA in that sentence?
- A. I do not see the TBA.
- Q. So the fact that the biography entry that is in the eBay listing doesn't have a TBA and Mr. Novocin claims he got it from Ask Art, would this indicate to you that this is what he had taken?
- A. This indicates nothing conclusive, in my opinion.
- Q. But you have no evidence that Worthpoint purposely removed the TBA; correct?
- A. Sir, during discovery I asked your firm for several forms of evidence predominantly the metadata, the actual dated eBay/Worthpoint/worthopedia documents or ad and you have not produced them. So if you don't have the evidence based on my evidence, based on my experiences of consistent, contradictory statements, I can affirm once again, I did not do the painting. I did not grant any person, business, legal entity at any time the rights to license or use my self-authored biography.

But you have no evidence that

Q.

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Identity Theft Repor

I am a victim of Identity theft. This is my official statement about the crime.

# Contact Information

Annamarie		Trombetta	
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# Personal Statement

phy found in 2015. The Companies are e Bay -- Worthpoint, com and the company that sold this fraudulent painting Esmy personality to financially sell-gain money the photo was A. Trombetta. The painting was damaged —torn in two places. In addition the the year it was done is 1972 photo signature that was featured mine. The description of the painting stated it was signed Annamarie Trombetta yet he and the company wrongfully used my biography—without my permission—I did not create the sold painting nor was me he could not tell me who bought the painting. I informed him that I did Not create this painting. I informed him that tate Auctions. I contacted Estate Auctions by e-mail. The owner of the company Norbert Novicin phoned me back to tell I contacted all the companies that posted the fraudulent listing of the signature A. Trombetta with my personal Biogra-I would have been 9 years old. My bio states my formal training began in high shool. This is identity Theft as they used

Yahoo Mall - Re: Annamaric Trombetta --- Possible things to investigate and bring to Tracy Conn's Attention

4/7/22, 6:12 PM

# Re: Annamarie Trombetta---Possible things to investigate and bring to Tracy Conn's Attention

From: Aaron M. Rubin (aaron m.rubin@gmail.com)

To: trombettaart@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015, 02:59 PM EDT

Annamarie this looks great. I will try to send it before the weekend but it might have to be Tuesday after the long weekend. I am working on meeting a filing deadline by end of tomorrow so I may not be able to get to it. I will let you know of course.

Aaron M. Rubin, Esq. 9 Fast 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10016 (212) 725-4600

On Thu, Sep 3, 2015 at 10:58 AM, Annamarie Trombetta < <u>trombettaart@yahoo.com</u>> wrote:
Aaron,

1) On June 3, 2015 an unknown sender from the location of Atlanta Georgia sent me an e-mail via my website devoid of a salutation-name or e-mail address. I traced the IP to Atlanta-Smyrna and Tucker Georgia.

This was validated by the Fifth Avenue Apple Store

3) I found a website named Worthpoint.com under a google search my name which claims that I am the artist who painted an oil entitled" Man with the Red Umbrella" in 1972. I read the biography and this is indeed my information however it is not my artwork nor signature. There is a photo of the signature which is indeed fraudulent. The Worth point company is in Atlanta Georgia.

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The Legal Process requires evidence----Unfortunately I need your assistance---One of Two e-mails From: Annamarie Trombetta (trombettaart@yahoo.com) randy.rose@nypd.org Date: Sunday, August 9, 2015, 10:33 AM EDT Detective Rose, I know you are busy--and I am thankful for your help. Unfortunately I need you or someone else to validate this information. The Legal system requires evidence for any enforcement procedures. During yesterday's conversation I was simply trying to communicate that there is are definite connections and patterns to my case of Agg. Harassment and it is Atlanta Georgia A) Three facts point to Atlanta Georgia---1) E-mail sent to me on June 3rd com and the RESELLER 2) **Atlanta Georgia** is 3)The new finding a fraudulent artwork for sell with my biography is on Worthpoint.com . The address for this company is 2015 - WorthPoint Corporation I 3525 Piedmont Road NE, Building 5, Suite 435, Atlanta, GA 30305 I 877.481.5750 1) This Unknown e-mail sent to my website address on June 3rd. When I ran the IP address it was coming from Atlanta Georgia Below are contact tel. Numbers for Att and for the IP NUMBER from the sender of the bogus e-mail. I Need someone from Law enforcement to run the IP address for this e-mail that was sent---Whoever owns the Smartphone/IPhone is that you get back to me on this. Please give me some kind of evidence from NEW YORK that I could take to the Atlanta Police Dept. Sincerely, Annamarie Trombetta Case #3: Whois Lo Whois Server whois.arin.net Status LEGACY Contact Email Registrant AT&T Internet Services 3300 E Renner Rd Mailroom B2139

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Dear ANNAMARIE TROMBETTA

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Prepared for: ANNAMARIE TROMBETTA

Date: October 10, 2017

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000004073842615. Please retain the number as you must submit this report from Experian. Your personal identification number is number in order to temporarily or permanently remove the security As you requested, we have placed a security freeze on your personal credit

freeze from your credit report. If you would like to create a single-use to www.experian.com/freeze personal identification number to be used by a certain credit grantor, log on

Scan me with your smart phone for special offers from Experian.

> security freeze for a specific party, provide your single-use personal information and personal identification number. To temporarily remove a (888) EXPERIAN (1 888 397-3742), then enter your identification your personal credit report, log on to www.experian.com/freeze or call 1 apply for credit or for any transaction that requires that another party access To temporarily remove a security freeze for a period of time in order to identification number to the party you wish to grant access to your report

Fees to temporarily remove a security freeze by state are: Alabama California, Colorado, Florida, Guam, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Puerto Rico - \$11.15\*, Iowa - \$12; Idaho - \$6; Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming - \$10; Connecticut - \$10.64\*; South Dakota Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island Ohio and Vermont - \$5; Hawaii - \$5.20\*; New Mexico - \$5.26\*; West Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota Nebraska – \$3; Alaska - \$2. (\* includes taxes) Virginia - \$5.30\*; New York - \$5.44\*; Louisiana - \$8; Georgia, Montana and \$10.65\*; Pennsylvania - \$10.70\*; Texas - \$10.83\*; Washington - \$11.01\*

a valid identity theft report filed with a law enforcement agency All other states have no charge for temporarily removing a security freeze There is no fee in any state for victims of identity theft who provide a copy of

permanent removal of a security freeze in writing). Send your request to: Experian Security Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013. www.experian.com/freeze or call 1 (888) EXPERIAN (1 888 397-3742). You also may write to us (Washington, D.C. residents must request To permanently remove a security freeze, log on to

Be sure to include the following information:

- Your full name including middle initial (and generation such as JR
- Social Security number

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Thank you for contacting TransUnion. Our goal is to maintain complete and accurate information on consumer credit reports. We have provided the information below in response to your request.

At your request, a TransUnion Security Freeze has been added to your credit report. Please keep this letter for future reference.

This Security Freeze will remain on your credit report until you request its removal in writing. If you change your state of residence, you must notify us in order to update your address and have the security freeze rules and any applicable fees applied for that state. Should you wish to temporarily or permanently remove the TransUnion Security Freeze from your credit report, you will need to provide TransUnion with your Security Freeze Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is listed below. Also listed below is the fee you were charged for adding the freeze to your credit report.

PIN: Fee: \$0.00

Re: Security Freeze

You may obtain a new TransUnion Security Freeze Personal Identification Number (PIN).

If you know your current PIN, you may call (888) 909-8872. You may be asked to verify your identity again.

If you do not know your PIN or you have lost the PIN that was issued to you when you added the Security Freeze to your credit file, you may request a new one by writing to the address below. Please provide proof of identification, such as a copy of your driver's license, passport, birth certificate or other proper identification forms. For additional information on replacing your lost PIN, call our toll free Telephone Number (888) 909-8872.

Re: Security Freeze

What does a Security Freeze mean?

When your TransUnion credit report is frozen, all third parties whose use is not exempt by law will be unable to access your credit report without your consent. The Security Freeze may delay, interfere with or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make that involves access to your credit report.

Additionally, while your report is frozen, companies that provide consumer data to TransUnion will not be allowed to update name and address information on your credit report. If your name or address changes while your file is frozen, please notify TransUnion directly at the address provided so that we can update your personal information.

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#### Aldrin

Not Necessarily it has been standardized since then. So that will be like for you. I need to get that standard number for item numbers at least 48924172 and this will be associated with WorthPoint item numbers.

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#### Aldrin

So since it's on your website might have been login register between that specific series of numbers. OK, but do further check on this I'll be needing. to go up to our Listing Policy Department, you know, I'd be looking further into it Together with that if you have access beyond the items that we have here on eBay, all the reports, all the details of the left bank that he might have even requiring this particular item for documents for COPYRIGHT purposes like listing items like this very easy or whatnot, most likely the seller of items was required to provide us(eBay) with documents updated to make sure for us as well that items which We know

Annamarie Trombetta

Right

And so I can give you just stay the line for me for a couple of seconds for Our Listing Policy department,

#### Annamarie Trombetta

listing policy department. Thank you.

#### Aldrin

And you're welcome stay on the line please.

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Annamarie Trombetta

I shall

FOURTH EBAY SPECIALIST

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Archer

Your name please ...

Annamarie Trombetta

your name is Arthur

Archer

Archer.

Annamarie Trombetta

Archer. OK, and what department are you from? From eBay?

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no evidence that [the former] provided [the latter] with [the infringing material], much less that it authorized or assisted them"). Accordingly, the motion to dismiss Trombetta's contributory copyright infringement claim against Worthpoint is granted. ExHBIAL

#### 2. Digital Millennium Copyright Act

#### a. Statute of Limitations

Worthpoint next argues that like her infringement claims, Trombetta's DMCA claims are time barred. A statute of limitations defense at the pleading stage is only appropriate where it is "clear from the face of the complaint...that the plaintiff's claims are barred as a matter of law." See Sewell, 795 F.3d at 339.

Here, Trombetta has plausibly alleged conduct by Worthpoint within the three-year statutory period that violates the DMCA. As discussed more substantively below, she plausibly alleges not just that Worthpoint reposted the listing in 2017, but that it did so after she repeatedly informed Worthpoint that the post reproduced her biography without attribution and infringed her registered work. Due to the factual ambiguities with respect to the 2017 post, including the extent to which it relates to the 2015 post, it is not clear at this stage whether Worthpoint did in fact engage in a separate violation of the DMCA in 2017, but it is, nonetheless, a plausible reading of the complaint. It is thus not "clear" from the face of the complaint that Trombetta's DMCA claims are time-barred as a matter of law. See Sewell, 795 F.3d at 339; see also Fischer v. Forrest, No. 14-CV-1304 (PAE) (AJP), 2017 WL 128705, at \*7 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 13, 2017), report and recommendation adopted, 2017 WL 1063464 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 21, 2017). 6 Accordingly, the Court will turn to the merits of her DMCA claims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Relying on a 2019 case from the Ninth Circuit, Media Rights Techs., Inc. v. Microsoft Corp., 922 F.3d 1014, 1026 (9th Cir. 2019), Worthpoint argues that DMCA claims are not governed by the separate-accrual rule, and that Trombetta's DMCA claims are thus untimely under any reading of the complaint. In Media Rights, the Ninth Circuit held that "there is no parallel separate-accrual rule that applies to [Plaintiff's] DMCA claim." Media Rights, 922 F.3d at 1026. Unlike this case, however, the DMCA claim in Media Rights was based on circumvention of copyright protection systems under 17 U.S.C. § 1201. Here, the DMCA claims relate to 17 U.S.C. § 1202, which prohibits alteration or removal of copyright management information ("CMI") and distribution of altered CMI with the intent to facilitate infringement. The Ninth Circuit's determination that the separate-accrual rule does not apply to a § 1201 claim does not shed much light on whether the separate-

#### b. Merits

Trombetta alleges that Worthpoint violated 17 U.S.C. § 1202(a) and § 1202(b), which prohibit removing copyright information or distributing false or altered copyright information.

As a preliminary matter, a claim under either provision requires there be an underlying I Copyrighted work and Trombetta has not alleged that any aspect of the post, other than her biography, was a registered work. See 17 U.S.C § 1202(c); see also Mango v. BuzzFeed, Inc., 970 F.3d 167, 171 (2d Cir. 2020). The Court will therefore only consider the DMCA claims with respect to the biography.

#### i. Section 1202(a)

Section 1202(a) of the DMCA provides that "no person shall knowingly and with the intent to induce, enable, facilitate, or conceal infringement—(1) provide copyright management information that is false, or (2) distribute or import for distribution copyright management information that is false." 17 U.S.C. § 1202(a). "Copyright management information" (CMI) is a defined term and includes, as relevant here, "the name of, and other identifying information about, the author of a work" and "the name of, and other identifying information about, the copyright owner of the work, including the information set forth in a notice of copyright." 17 U.S.C. § 1202(c)(2)–(3). "In order to plead a violation of § 1202(a), a plaintiff thus must plausibly allege that [the] defendant knowingly provided

accrual rule should apply to § 1202 claims. Worthpoint does not cite, and this Court has not found, any court that has held that the separate-accrual rule endorsed by the Supreme Court in *Petrella* does *not* apply to DMCA claims under § 1202. In fact, the Supreme Court's discussion of the separate-accrual rule—"each infringing act starts a new limitations period"—suggests that successive violations of § 1202 would trigger new limitations periods. *Petrella*, 572 U.S. at 671. At least two courts, one in this district, have assumed, without directly addressing the question, that the separate-accrual rule applied to DMCA claims under § 1202. *See Fischer v. Forrest*, No. 14-CV-1304 (PAE) (AJP), 2017 WL 128705, at \*7, \*7 n.7 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 13, 2017), report and recommendation adopted, 2017 WL 1063464 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 21, 2017); *Free Speech Sys., LLC v. Menzel*, 390 F. Supp. 3d 1162, 1170, 1175 (N.D. Cal. 2019) (citing *Media Rights* for its holding that the separate-accrual rule applies to successive acts of infringement and, separately, deciding the DMCA claims under § 1202 on the merits). Due to the factual ambiguities as to whether the 2017 post was, in fact, a repost, and the sparse description of exactly how the 2017 post was reposted, it is not clear whether Trombetta's claim based on the 2017 post would constitute a separate accrual relating to the initial post in 2015, or a separate claim altogether. At this stage, because the Court cannot definitively find that her DMCA claim was a new claim or was a separate accrual of the initial claim, the separate-accrual question is not dispositive. As such, the Court need not decide this issue.

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false copyright information *and* that the defendant did so with the intent to induce, enable, facilitate, or conceal an infringement." *Krechmer v. Tantaros*, 747 F. App'x. 6, 9 (2d. Cir. 2018).

Trombetta's complaint alleges that Worthpoint's affixation of its own copyright notice to the images and description constitutes false CMI. *See* Compl. at 5–6 (Worthpoint "added a photograph of the signature in oil on canvas 'A. Trombetta' a copyright symbol...and the statement 'copyright work licensed by Worthpoint.'"). Trombetta also states that the use of her biography was unauthorized and that she contacted Worthpoint to inform the company of the "false posting." *Id.* at 6. In other words, her biography was not "licensed by Worthpoint" as the webpage claimed.

At this stage, Trombetta's allegations with respect to the falsity of the CMI are sufficient to state a claim. They are sufficient to allege *scienter* as well. The Second Circuit has cautioned that courts should be lenient in assessing *scienter* at the motion to dismiss stage, "because such issues are appropriate for resolution by the trier of fact." *In re DDAVP Direct Purchaser Antitrust Litig.*, 585 F.3d 677, 693 (2d Cir. 2009). "Special solitude" is also afforded to the complaints of *pro se* litigants, which should be dismissed due to insufficient pleading "only in the most unsustainable of cases." *Fowlkes v. Ironworkers Loc. 40*, 790 F.3d 378, 387 (2d Cir. 2015).

In the DMCA context, notice to a defendant can support an inference that the defendant's violation was knowing and its distribution done with intent to facilitate infringement. *See Wood v. Observer Holdings, LLC*, No. 20-CV-7878 (LLS), 2021 WL 2874100, at \*7 (S.D.N.Y. July 8, 2021); *see also Michael Grecco Prods., Inc. v. Alamy, Inc.*, 372 F. Supp. 3d 131, 139 (E.D.N.Y. 2019). Trombetta repeatedly alleges that she notified Worthpoint that the posts contained inaccurate and infringing information. *See* Compl. 2 ("Despite Plaintiff's efforts to prevent further reposting, it happened again after Defendants were informed of its falsity contained in the internet description."); *id.* at 3 ("Plaintiff prior to filing this lawsuit reached out to [] both Defendants...to inform these parties that the Plaintiff was not the artist and did not create the painting advertised and sold on eBay."); *id.* at